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Hello

Those of you who are new students have been welcomed to this campus many, many, times by all divisions and departments of the faculty and the student body. By this time you should feel at home here. At any rate, we haven't had a chance to welcome the new students and to say—"glad to see you're back" to the old ones so we are doing it now.

For the first time, many of you are away from the direct influence of your family circle. You are making decisions for yourself and shaping your own destiny as best you know how. Soon new horizons will unfold before you. You will view life with a broadened perspective and judge people and things by a slightly altered set of values. You will find yourself living a new life, for although this university boasts some ten thousand students, you are really a member of a select group, intellectually speaking. Make the best of it all, studies, activities, physical development, and your associations with people. Here's luck to you.

Those of you who are old students have ascended one more step of the ladder of your aspirations and are looking toward the ever nearing top which for some, is graduation. For others, graduation is merely a resting place and the top lies beyond in the regions of professional or commercial endeavor.

Now that we have talked to and about everyone but ourselves, we suppose that we should say something about our publication. It seems to be generally expected that the new staff, in fact every new staff, should make many radical changes in the publication and thus improve it greatly. We have made some changes and plan to make more but the answer to the question of improvement lies with our readers and we should like to have their opinion. As you have noticed, we have changed the type and style of make-up. Several new departments are featured this month and the "Spark Plug" is with us again.

Every new editor is also supposed to begin his term of office with a statement of policy. We intend to make this publication as nearly what the students of the College of Engineering want it to be as it is possible to make it. Student contributions of all kinds will always be welcomed. We are especially anxious for expressions of opinions on general campus and engineering questions and intend to devote more space to campus news of a general and personal nature than has been done in previous years. If you find any particular part or parts of this magazine boring, we shall try to substitute something more interesting if you will only give us your criticism. Summarizing our policy we want you to remember that this is a publication "for and by the students of the College of Engineering of the Ohio State University."

Dr. K. Y. Tang

LET THERE BE LIGHT. This might well be the slogan of Dr. K. Y. Tang, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering, for it is by his research in the field of illumination that he has gained national and international recognition as an authority on that subject. Dr. Tang's latest achievement in his chosen field of science is the acceptance of his paper, "Variation of Visual Performance with Intensity of Daylight Illumination," by the International Illumination Congress.

Dr. Tang received his Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1928 from this University. During the few years that it has been our privilege to know him, Dr. Tang has been one of the most active faculty members in student affairs. Several years ago he and Professor Younger instituted and promoted the first series of inter-departmental debates in the College of Engineering. Each year since that time he has backed that project. When the time for the Engineers Roundup came around, you would generally find "Doc", as he is known to his students, pushing the boys along and offering many helpful suggestions in ad-

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dition to doing a great deal of the work himself. When Engineers Day approaches, the students of his department generally look to him as the "guiding light."

Dr. Tang claims that earthly paradise, Hawaii, as the country of his birth. Born and reared in Honolulu, Dr. Tang came to this country for his higher education and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1924. While in school there, young Tang studied so energetically that he was elected to membership in Sigma Xi and Tau Beta Pi. He also became a member of Eta Kappa Nu which requires not only high scholarship but pleasing personality and good fellowship. Since he has been at Ohio State, Dr. Tang has done a tremendous amount of research work on illumination and its effects upon people and their actions.

Aside from all his teaching and research work, Dr. Tang has time for many outside interests. He has been faculty adviser for Eta Kappa Nu for a number of years. One of his hobbies is playing the uke and if you have never heard him, you have a treat coming, for you must remember he comes from Waikiki, the land of the ukelele. His other hobby is golf and by putting his usual enthusiasm into it, has his score down to a figure that many of us would not be ashamed to mention in the best of golfing circles.

No matter where or when you see him, he will always give you the same cheery greeting and friendly smile.—
F. H. T.
